Modeler credits NMRA with success

Rodger Gredvig earns MMR No. 218

NMRA Involvement

"I have not participated in the NMRA for very long (only since 1989), but I have appreciated the organization's efforts for decades. I put off joining since I wasn't much interested in conventions or belonging to a club.

"Of course, I now realize I had missed out on a lot of information. While most members join for the fellowship, my interest has been in expanding my skills and the opportunity to glean ideas from others. A group of very cooperative, sharing, and friendly NMRA members and SONS (San Diego *Society of N Scalers*) have made that possible, and I am grateful for their help.

"Yes, I have made many friends, visited dozens of private pikes as convention layout chairman, kept track of funds as division and convention paymaster, attended lots of clinics and generally have participated heavily in the NMRA in the last few years. Yet, I still think of myself as a loner. However, I want to say, my skills and layout progress would never have been realized without the Achievement Program. Thanks NMRA."

Personal Background

"I have modeled in 027, HO and N. Except for an HO crossing (under Civil Engineering) all of the AP work has been in N scale. My involvement with N-Trak led to a 12' x 12' home layout, the Lode Stone & Iron, and to my major interests which are scenery, structures and animation.

"Before railroading, my family is the biggest part of my life. We have five children still at home (6 to 21 years; the two youngest in home school, one preteen, and the two oldest in college). Two of them seem to enjoy the hobby with me.

"I'm also interested in motorcycle touring. I'm an avid handball player and oh, yes, I am a Lutheran minister, in case you were wondering what I do with my extra time."

Pastor Gredvig is 48 years old, and tells us that his railroading is kept in perspective by his wife who is chief brakeman. Rodger's certificates are for cars, structures, scenery, civil and electrical engineer, dispatcher, and author.